

**Spartanburg Preparatory School**

385 S. Spring Street  
Spartanburg, SC 29306



# South Carolina State Report Card

State and federal laws require public schools to release report cards to the public each year. This year, the report card has been updated to reflect changes in reporting directed by the SC Education Oversight Committee. Schools will not be rated for state accountability purposes until Fall 2017 when the state will transition to a single accountability system. The following reports student performance in school year 2014-15.

**Grades:** K-8 Elementary

**Enrollment:** 367 students

**School Phone:** 864-621-3882

**School Website:** <http://www.spartanburgprep.org/>

**Principal:** Dr. John von Rohr

**Superintendent:** Wayne Brazell, Ph.D.

**Board Chair:** Warren Engle



## Profile of the SC Graduate

### World Class Knowledge

- Rigorous standards in language arts and math for career and college readiness
- Multiple languages, science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM), arts and social sciences\*

### World Class Skills

- Creativity and innovation
- Critical thinking and problem solving
- Collaboration and teamwork
- Communication, information, media and technology
- Knowing how to learn

### Life and Career Characteristics

- Integrity
- Self-direction
- Global perspective
- Perseverance
- Work ethic
- Interpersonal skills

## WORLD CLASS SKILLS & LIFE AND CAREER CHARACTERISTICS

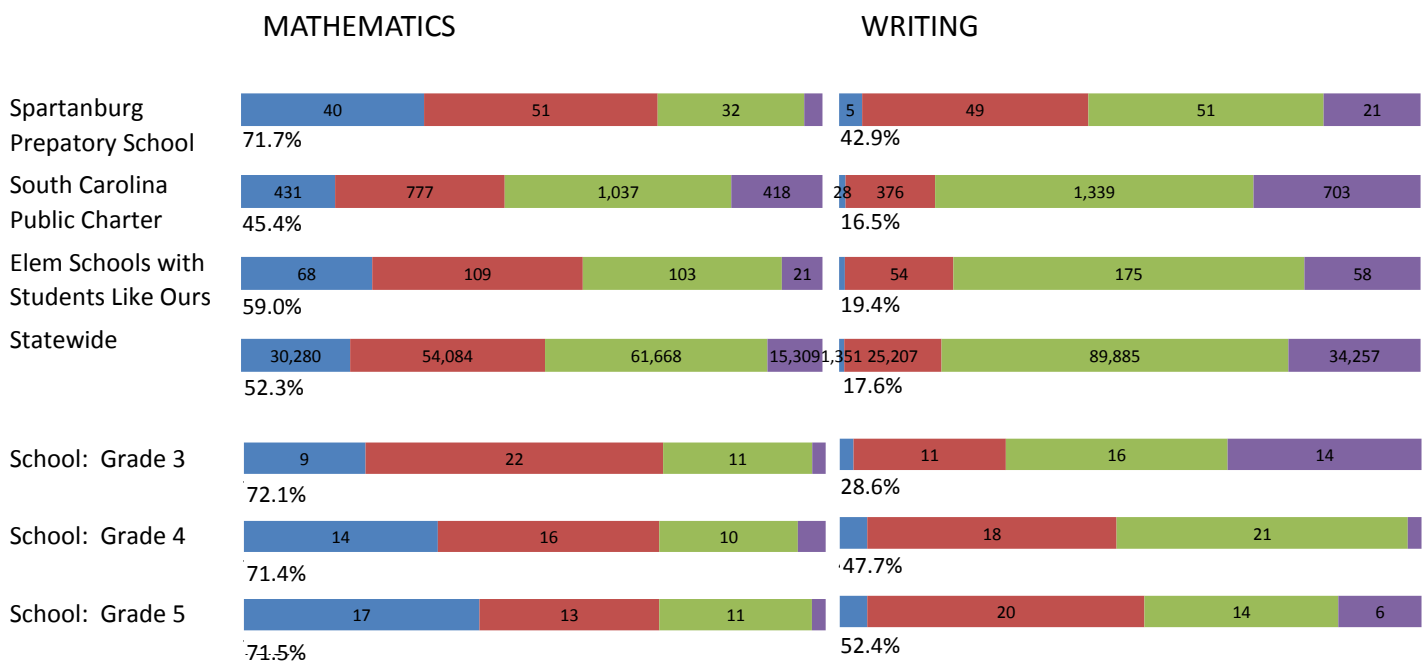
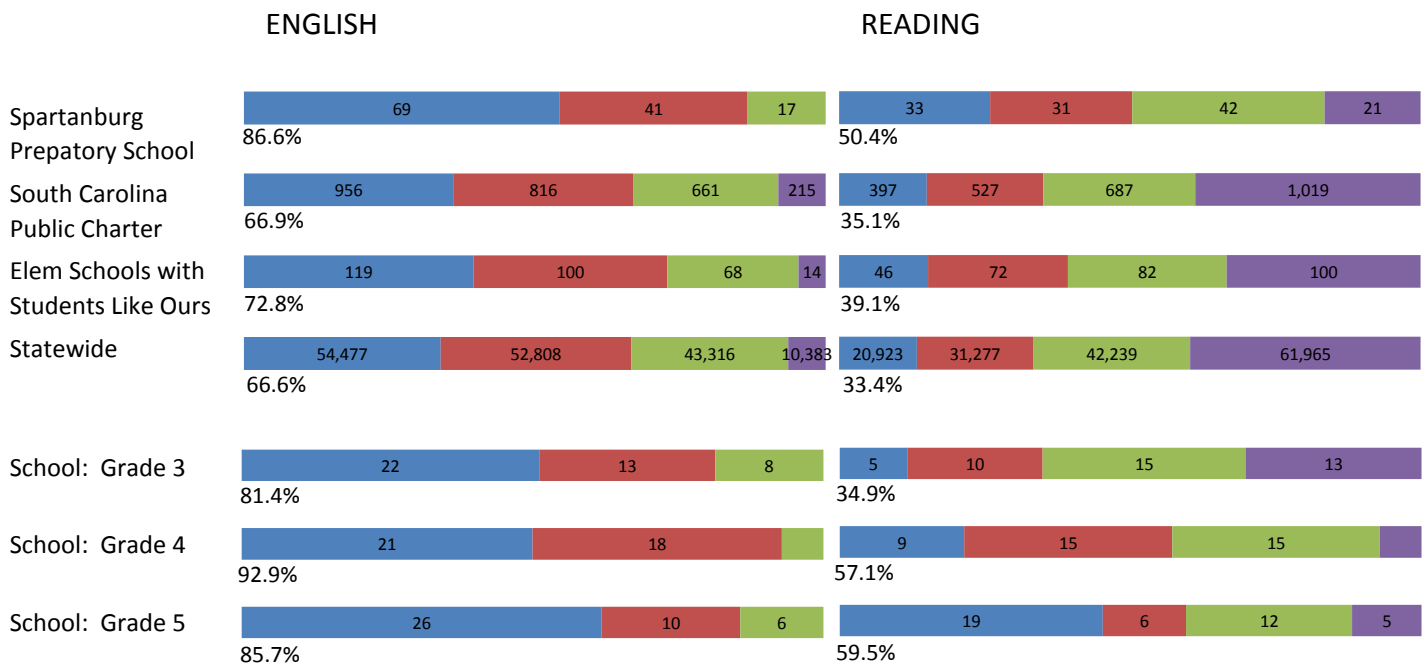
*Our school is helping all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the Graduate by ...*

Spartanburg Preparatory School continues its tradition of academic excellence by producing some of the highest performing student scholars in the Upstate region of South Carolina, as exhibited by its designation as a Blue Ribbon Lighthouse School of Excellence and annual recognition as a Palmetto Gold and Silver Award winner. Spartanburg Prep has also received international recognition of its academic programs and school culture through accreditation by Advanc-Ed (formerly as SACS). After transforming and updating an abandoned, built in 1939, elementary school into a twenty-first century-8 school facility at a cost of over \$2 million, the staff, faculty and school board at Spartanburg Prep have focused on providing the highest quality education available in any public school setting in South Carolina. Spartanburg Prep is one of the few public charter schools in South Carolina to reflect the demographics of its local community, with a free and reduced lunch population of 48%. The school's mission is provide a college preparatory, inquiry-based education to all children in attendance, with an emphasis on developing higher level critical thinking skills. Spartanburg Prep's educational philosophy supports the premise that all teachers should infuse critical thinking into their instruction at all levels, and in all subjects, during each and every instructional day. In regard to the subject of school culture, Spartanburg Prep has implemented the "Responsive Classroom" approach to school improvement, by utilizing its research and evidence-based approaches to education, all associated with documented greater teacher effectiveness, higher student achievement and improved school climate. With a new \$3.3 million expansion project planned for the upcoming school year, Spartanburg Prep continues to look toward a future in which it provides all of its stakeholders with an even better educational product for their children and their hard-earned taxpayer dollars.

\* 21st Century core courses in Social Sciences include History, Geography, Economics, Government and Civics.

**KNOWLEDGE**

The ACT Aspire assessment was given to students in grades 3-8 in Spring 2015. Students were assessed in the subject areas of Reading, English, Mathematics and Writing



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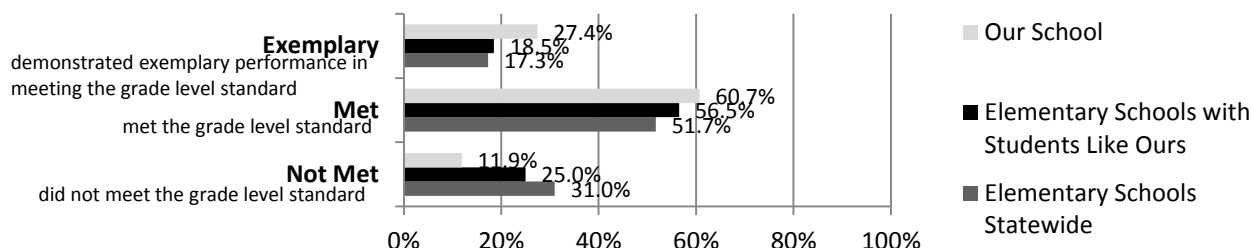
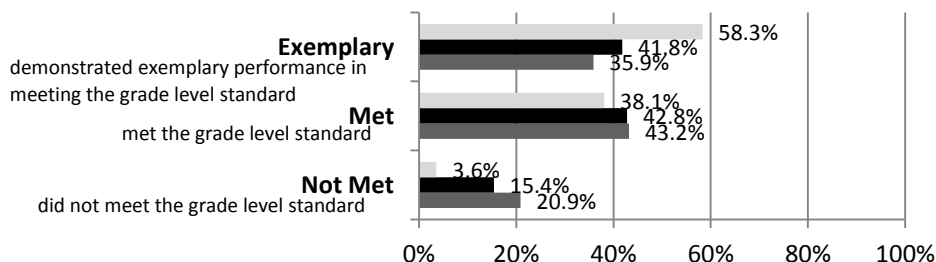
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**KNOWLEDGE**

The SC Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SCPASS) was given to students in grades 4 - 8 in Spring 2015. Students were assessed in the subject areas of Science and Social Studies.

**Science****Social Studies****Science SCPASS**

Our School: Percent Met and Above for each grade level

4th grade	5th grade
90.5	85.7

**Social Studies SCPASS**

Our School: Percent Met and Above for each grade level

4th grade	5th grade
97.6	95.2

Note: Results include SC-Alt assessment results.

Exemplary

**"Exemplary"**: student demonstrated exemplary performance in meeting the grade level standard.

Met

**"Met"**: student met the grade level standard.

Not Met

**"Not Met"**: student did not meet the grade level standard.

Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours are elementary schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for the school.

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**OPPORTUNITIES****For students to meet the profile of the SC Graduate**

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with students like ours
<b>Students (n = 367)</b>			
Percent of students participating in Medicaid, SNAP, or TANF; homeless, foster, or migrant students (poverty index)	56.6	Down from 61.4%	N/A
Attendance Rate	96.5	Up from 96.4%	96.1
With disabilities	11.1	Down from 11.9%	11.2
Out of school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.3	Up from 0.0%	0.0
Percentage of students served by gifted and talented programs	11.6	Down from 11.7%	9.8
Percentage of students retained	1.9	No change	0.8
<b>Teachers (n = 30)</b>			
Percentage of teachers with advanced degrees	50.0	Up from 48.3%	62.1
Percentage of teachers on continuing contract	56.7	Down from 65.5%	84.3
Teachers returning from previous year	86.1	Up from 83.0%	89.0
Teacher attendance rate	99.7	Up from 97.7%	95.1
Average teacher salary*	\$41,686	Down 0.1%	\$50,166
Professional development days / teacher	1.8 days	Down from 10.0 days	10.1 days
Percentage of teacher vacancies for more than 9 weeks	0.0	N/A	0.4
<b>School</b>			
Principal's years at school	5.0	No change	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	19.5 to 1	Up from 11.2 to 1	20.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	95.5	Up from 94.0%	90.3
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No change	Good
Opportunities in foreign languages	Good	N/A	Poor
AdvancEd (SACS) accreditation	Yes	Up from No	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0	No change	100.0
Character development program	Excellent	No change	Excellent
Avg. age of books / electronic media in the school library	N/A	N/A	13.3
Number of resources available per student in the school library media center	N/A	N/A	19.5
Bandwidth capacity per student	N/A	N/C	N/A
Percent of classrooms with wireless access	N/A	N/C	N/A
District-issued learning devices per student	N/A	N/C	0.7
District-issued technology devices per teacher	N/A	N/C	1.7
Percentage of classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	16.4	Up from 13.2%	0.0
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$8,286	Up 2.8%	\$7,275
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	59.4	Up from 51.6%	66.9
Percent of expenditures for teachers' salaries**	65.6	Up from 57.3%	68.1

\* Includes current year teachers contracted for 190 days or more.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data are reported.

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**OPPORTUNITIES****Evaluations by Teachers, Students, and Parents****Evaluations by Teachers, Students, and Parents**

	<b>Teachers</b>	<b>Students*</b>	<b>Parents*</b>
Number of surveys returned	21	63	14
Percent satisfied with learning environment	76.2	90.4	85.7
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	76.2	87.5	85.7
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	76.1	92.0	78.6

\* Only students at the highest elementary school grade and their parents were included.

**State Ratings History of School**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Absolute Rating</b>	<b>Growth Rating</b>
2014	Excellent	Good
2013	Excellent	Excellent
2012	Good	Excellent

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**Additional Resources**

SC State Content Standards  
[Family-Friendly Guides to the SC Content Standards](#)  
[2014-15 Accountability Manual](#)  
[Report Card Data Files](#)  
[ESEA Data Files](#)

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